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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-342522, published December 12, 2000, together with an English-Language Abstract;
2. Japanese Patent No. 3279409, published February 22, 2002, corresponding to to Japanese Application Laid-Open No. 07-111985, published May 2, 1995;

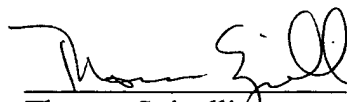
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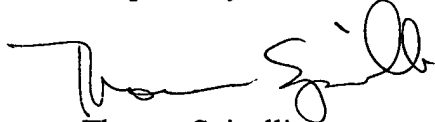

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3. United States Patent No. 6,402,686 B1, dated June 11, 2002, issued to Ouchi;
and
4. United States Patent No. 6,402,687 B1, dated June 11, 2002, issued to Ouchi.

Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited Japanese references. U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Spinelli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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		2000-342522	12/12/00	Japan			
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